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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

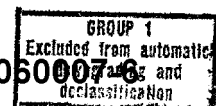
SUBJECT : OBGI China Production

1. In anticipation of an increased demand for intelligence material on the People's Republic of China between now and the end of the calendar year, I have initiated three projects, as follows:

a. The NIS General Survey now in the pipeline will be moved forward on our publication schedule. Editorial Division will put its best available manpower to work on converting the volume to the new presentation sequence, and I have instructed that special attention be given to the quality and usefulness of the photos selected for inclusion. Our editors will be making a special effort to squeeze out of this General Survey as much marginal detail as they can. The Political, Sociological, and Economic sections, at our urging, have been sent to Hong Kong for field review by the Department of State, and I plan to ask both SRS and ONE for a review and comment on the complete manuscript. We are attempting to make this the best General Survey package yet put together.

b. Cartography Division and Geography Division are combining forces in a Task Force to revise the Communist China Map Folio. Of the 6,000 copies printed, there are only 300 in stock. Some revisions are advisable in both the map plates and the text. In this second edition, we plan to add additional material with the new interest in China specifically in mind. We will add some city maps, a number of charts and graphs dealing with political and economic questions, government organization charts including pictures of leading personalities, and a special map on border problems. The Task Force will also explore the possibility of a different format which will provide the same size pages as the map folio, but which will fold in the middle so that the volume will be only half as large as the old book.

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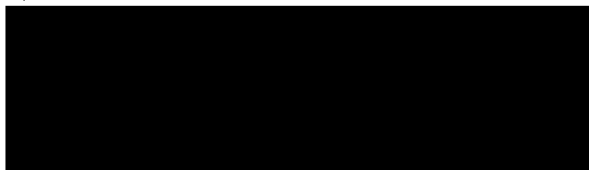
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c. Geography Division is initiating immediately a geographic memorandum to be published as an IR on the City of Peking and Environs.

2. Our target dates for completion of all of these items are mid- or late October.

3. TOPOCOM claims to have in proof stage, and scheduled for August publication, a 6-sheet 1:15,000 scale map of Peking to replace their 1966 base map. I have asked that a team from Cartography Division and Geography Division go to TOPOCOM to review the status and quality of that map and to encourage TOPOCOM to give the map highest priority. It should be a useful map for a number of problems in the coming months, but in the past we have found the product needed extensive work by Cartography Division and Geography Division to be fully useful for intelligence purposes. After evaluating the TOPOCOM product, we will be in a better position to determine what we have to do to assure first-class and current 1:15,000 map coverage of Peking.



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